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FOLLOWING MSG RECD FM USMISSION BERLIN 20 JULY.

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TAGS: CDES (HOUSTON, ROBERT LEE)

SUBJECT: DEATH ROBERT LEE HOUSTON

FOR MRS. JEAN DALTON, CARLYLE, ILLINOIS
(618) 5944180

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON, ROBERT LEE HOUSTON. HIS WIFE, MRS. URSULA HOUSTON INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT BERLIN ON JULY 20, 1977, THAT HE WAS FOUND DEAD OF SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES IN THEIR APARTMENT AT ALT LIETZOW 12, 1000 BERLIN 10 ON JULY 17, 1977.

2. YOUR SON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY A FRIEND, MR. GRENZIUS.

3. AUTOPSY HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED BY CRIMINAL POLICE.

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4. HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF HIS WIFE.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SON'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$2,560.- (TO SAN FRANCISCO: \$2,900.-; TO CHICAGO: \$2,700.-). CREMATION AND SHIPMENT REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST \$800.-. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$1000.- TO \$1710.-. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$800.- TO \$1,100.-. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. MRS. URSULA HOUSTON INFORMED US THAT, WHILE SHE WOULD PREFER CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL SHE WILL DEFER TO YOUR DECISION. SHE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSUME ANY FINANCIAL LIABILITY. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, BERLIN, GERMANY AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS BERLIN VIA AMERICAN EXPRESS NEW YORK PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL BERLIN.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 8 DAYS (IF CREMATED 30-60 DAYS) WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 819-74-65 IN BERLIN.

9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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